

Senate Bill No. 52

CHAPTER 520

An act to amend Sections 44260 and 44260.1 of, to add Section 44260.9 to, the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 52, Scott. Teacher credentialing: designated subjects: career technical education.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits, including the designated subjects vocational education teaching credentials. The minimum requirements for the designated subjects preliminary vocational education teaching credential and minimum requirements for the 5-year renewal of that credential are established.

This bill would change the name of that credential to the designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential. The passage of a specified basic skills examination would be deleted from the minimum requirements for the designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential. The authority of the commission to require a subject examination as part of the minimum requirements also would be deleted. The bill would require the commission to establish a list of authorized subjects for the designated subjects preliminary and professional clear career technical education teaching credential and would require the list to reflect the 15 industry sectors identified in the California career technical education model curriculum standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The commission would be required to implement the authorized subjects list by September 30, 2007. The commission would be required to convene an advisory committee to review credential requirements for designated subjects career technical education teaching credentials and make recommendations for consolidating requirements for full-time and part-time service. By April 1, 2008, the commission would be required to make recommendations to the Legislature on the minimum requirements for designated subjects career technical education teaching credentials.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44260 of the Education Code is amended to read:
44260. The minimum requirements for the designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential shall be all of the following:

(a) Five years or the equivalent of adequate, successful, and recent experience in, or experience and education in, the subject named on the credential.

(b) Possession of a high school diploma or the passage of an equivalency examination as designated by the commission.

(c) Completion of two semester units or passage of an examination on the principles and provisions of the United States Constitution, as specified in Section 44335.

SEC. 2. Section 44260.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44260.1. The minimum requirements for the five-year renewal of the preliminary designated subjects career technical education teaching credential shall be all of the following:

(a) A valid designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential.

(b) Two years of successful teaching, or the equivalent, as authorized by the designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential.

(c) Completion of a program of personalized preparation as approved by the commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that the program of personalized preparation be consistent with whether the credential holder performs full-time or part-time service.

(d) Completion of a program of study in health education, including, but not limited to, an emphasis on the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and of the use of tobacco.

SEC. 3. Section 44260.9 is added to the Education Code, to read:

44260.9. (a) The commission shall establish a list of authorized subjects for the designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential issued pursuant to Section 44260. The list shall reflect the 15 industry sectors identified in the California career technical education model curriculum standards adopted by the state board. The commission also shall ensure that each designated subjects professional clear credential issued is consistent with the list of authorized subjects used for the preliminary credential. The commission shall implement the authorized subjects list by September 30, 2007.

(b) (1) The commission shall convene an advisory committee to review credential requirements for designated subjects career technical education teaching credentials and make recommendations for consolidating requirements for full-time and part-time service. It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission focus on streamlining the credential structure by identifying the essential skills needed for successful career technical instruction.

(2) By April 1, 2008, the commission shall make recommendations to the Legislature on the minimum requirements for designated subjects career technical education teaching credentials.

SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to increase as quickly as possible the number of persons who possess a career technical education teaching credential that is consistent with the industry sectors identified in the model curriculum standards, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.